

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8344

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TAGS: BENC, BAGB, CS  
SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: SUGAR MILL IN SOUTHERN COSTA RICA

REF: STATE 183550

1. WHEN EMBASSY FIRST INQUIRED ABOUT THIS PROJECT, THE COSTA RICAN DEVELOPMENT CORP. WAS UNDERSTANDLY RELUCTANT TO MAKE AN ESTIMATE OF THE DOLLAR VALUE OF THE SUGAR MILL FOR WHICH THEY WERE SEEKING COMPETITIVE BIDS.

2. THE FIGURE OF 27 MILLION DOLLARS WAS APPARENTLY ARRIVED AT VIA AN ESTIMATE OF SOMEWHAT LESS THAN SEVEN MILLION DOLLARS PER EACH 1,000 METRIC TON OF CAPACITY. AN ENGINEER IN THE EVALUATION SECTION OF CODESA AGREED THAT THIS COULD BE LOW, AND EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS/1,000 METRIC TON CAPACITY WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE REALISTIC. THIS FIGURE IS ESSENTIALLY THE ACQUISITION COST OF NEW MACHINERY INVOLVED IN THE PROJECT AND DOES NOT INCLUDE INSTALLATION AND RELATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COSTS.  
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